addenness of the Dissolution of Parliam Prospects of the "Party of Purity" and the ervatives-Frogressive Exercise of the Franchise - Money Influence in Elections-The "Great Be-former" Attacked by Scandal.

MONTREAL, Jan. 14, 1874. The sudden dissolution of Parliament and the ap-peal to the country by the Mackenzie Ministry have then the conservatives entirely by surprise and taken the conservatives entirely by surprise and find them almost unprepared for a contest. When first forced to resign office by the shameful disclosures of the Pucific scandal some of the Ministerial journals were clamorous for a general election immediately jour when the newly appointed Ministers appealed only to their own constituencies the Macdonald party began to think it would be better for them to fight it out in Parliament without an appealed the appeal@o the country, and they therefore were saughta tittle unprepared, and feel, consequently, sore at the sudden determination of the governnews to have a general election.

Case good thing will probably result from this election, and that is the introduction of the Ameri-

A SEMULTANEOUS ELECTION proughout the entire Dominion. Hitherto the sectice has been for the existing government to relect such constituencies as it was known to be strong in, and have elections held there first, to as to run up a long list of government support-ers before any of the opposition were returned, and thus make it appear that the government was ncies in which the parties were pretty evenly balanced. In this way a general election was stretched over two and sometimes three months. This time the government has suggested to the returning officers—in whose hands it really rests, as the law at present stands, to appoint the day of nomination and day of polling—to fix on the same day throughout the Prov-inces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, namely, the 22d inst. for nominations and the 29th for polling. In the outlying Provinces of Prince Edward's Island, Manitoba and British ambia the elections will take place about two reeks later.

Next session of Parliament an act is to be intro-duced appointing one day for the entire Dominion, their destination and for their return. It is also probable that an effort will be made day for nomination and another for election; it ing claimed that nomination is only a stupid, minbersome form, copied from the English cus m, without any utility in it and very expensive. On the other hand, it is urged that, although a commation day may be unnecessary in towns and ities where every one cau see in the newspapers who the candidates are and what are their opinns and views, it is very necessary in remote country districts, where people have not news-papers convenient, and where nomination day is only time at which they have an opportunity of seeing the candidates and hearing what they have to say for themselves. There appears to be a showing TENDENCY TOWARDS UNIVERSAL SUF-

have to say for themselves. There appears to be a growing that they have to say for themselves. There appears to be a growing that they have the law in New Brunswick, and it was pretty freely discussed in the Quebec Legislature last Thursday, when the new election bill was under discussion, and is foreshadowed in Mr. Mackenzie's announcement of the policy of his government. The qualification now in the Province of Quebec is \$30 rental, and an effort will probably be made to reduce that it not abolish it altogether. Voting by ballot is also getting more popular and has been introduced by the "Canada First" party as one of the planks in their platform. One of the reasons adduced in its favor is that it will tend to lessen the great amount of bribery now practised at elections, as candidates would hesitate to pay a man for voting for them when they had no means of ascertaming whether he really did vote for them or their opponents. In connection with this subject of bribery I may say that there is as much, if not more, corruption in the elections in Canada as there ever was in New York in the worst days of the Ring administration. There is No BALLOT BOX STUPPING because voting is open, and comparatively little personation except of dead and absent men, out votes are bought simost openly and without any effort at concealment. Under the grise of carriage hire to convey voters to the polis the backmen are paid large sums for their votes and influence, and it is considered a smart thing, and almost sure of gaming him his election, for a candidate to buy up as many of the lackmen (by the way, they call them "carters" here; in his division as possible. As for the laboring men, many of them occlare

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As for the laboring men, many of them declare openly that they will not vote unless "paid for their time," and the man who can pay most for their time," and the man who can pay most for their time is the man they think will make the best representative in Parliament. Sir Hugh Allan spent over \$300,000 at the last election, and it is said he will spend \$500,000 on this one to defeat the present government. I neard a member of the liberal party—or party of purity, as they sometimes cail themselves—say a day or two ago that there was \$1,000,000 ready to be spent if needed to secure the election of the liberal candidate for Montreal West; and a conservative boasted in my presence that Sir Hugh Allan would deleat Mr. Huntington in Shefford "I'll cost him a ship."

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First "Great Repormer" The Vottin of SCADAL. Appropos of Mr. Huntington, the "great reformer," as he is called by his admirers, and who was mainly instrumental in bringing about the Pacific scandal, is immself the subject of a scandal lust now, which shows that, however much he might insist on purity in others, he is not over particular in some of his own transactions.

Mr. Huntington has for some time been known "on the street" as a great financier in mining stocks, and so great is his reputation as a financier that he was spoken of as Finance Minister when the liberal party came into power. This reputation was gained principally by the facility with which he "floated" the shares of the Canadian Copper Pyrites and Chemical Company and the Huntington Copper and Sulpaur Company on the London market. The shareholders of the former company have filed a bill in chancery against him elalining some \$840,000, and alleging that Mr. Huntington misrepresented the value and recourses of the mines he offered, and that, while professing to act as the agent and in the interest of the English capitalists and receiving a very large commission from them; in other words, he stood in the position of THAT CELEBRATED NEW YORK ENGINEER who received a salary from the Corporation to watch contractors and then took a consideration from those parties to leave them alone. Mr. Huntington's speculations have been of the colossal order; the capital of the Canadian Copper Pyrites and Chemical Company is \$1,00000, of which about \$80,000 is paid up. It is almost the him the provider of the colossal order; the capital of the Canadian Copper Pyrites and Chemical stock, with £7 sterling paid up, is only worth £2 Sa., while the Ministry of the parties of the work was agained to the canadian stock, with £7 sterling pai

AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

BUFFALO, Jun. 15, 1874. The first annual meeting of the American Poulby Association was held here this afternoon ere was a large number of delegates presen from every portion of the country. The following efficient were elected:—President, Whilam H. Churchman, of Wilmington, Del.; Secretary, J. M. Wade, of Philadelphia; Treasurer, Edward B. Smith, of Buffslo. After an address from the President the Association proceeded with the menal routine business, appointing committees, bc., and adjourned until to morrow. THE RYAN MYSTERY.

Continuation of the Testimony at the Inquest—The Relice Stammined—An ExCeromer Addresses the Sury—A Verdict in Accordance With the Biridence.

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which have been already published. The police, however, yesterday put in their side of the case. which was partly accounting for 'setr inability to present conclusive evidence of g att against any person, and partly showing the d'section to which all the facts so far as known has see an evident tendency. Many conflicting at tements have been made in the evidence, notal by so in the seeming conflict that existed bet seem some of the witnesses and the police in reference to some impor-tant points. The police have complained that in the first information supplied to them there were certain implications which the evidence as given before the Carone completely threw aside. It is said, also, that certain statements deliberately made immediately after the murder have been demed in the evidence.

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The Frst witness examined yesterday was Henry Miller, who lives at No. 204 Broome street, third floor, and his testimony was only a repetition of ofreumsiances. There was some interest, however, in this witness' statement, as it was against the door; also to Burke russing the cry of the moise on the floor above him before the fail against the door; also to Burke russing the cry of "murder," a similar cry being russed by him self. The next witness examined was Mrs. Ann Colligan, of No. 202 Broome street, but nothing essentially new was elected, and alse was foll word by Jennie Burke, aged eleven, the daughter of Patrick Burke, who has igured so prominently in the case from the beginning. This little girl looked very innocent, but the utunost exertion from ex-Coroner Young could not shake her equanamity or disturb her testimony. When coaxed she was just as quick as when the question puzzied her, and she had not "noticed" anything that was out of the usual order of testimony. She told the story just as fit had been took by her father and mother, except that sae thought that when the first noise reached her she heard the words, "Oh, Nicholas!" from a temale voice. In regard to the point as to whether make voice. In regard to the point as to whether Mrs. Burke had pulled her daughter away from the window while the latter was talking to Mrs. Colligan about the murder, witness said that such was the fact. The next witness was Mrs Patrick Ryan, of No. 106 Twellth street, whose testimony was, at one time, believed to be very important. She said she heard Mrs. Burke was underer; they were here last night, but now they're gone. Witness thought, but now they re gone witness thought that Mrs. Burke meant the Leonards, but there was not; and the point was room others, whether or not there was nay reason to conclude that Mrs. Burke meant the Leonards, but there was not to the very some of the states of the work Miller, who lives at No. 204 Broome street, third floen, and his testimony was only a repetition of

Captain Hedden explained to the jury some of the discrepancies between the statements of the winceses and what they had, doubless, been intended to prove on the investigation.

Ex-Coroner Young at the conclusion of the testimony addressed the jury briefly, telling them that evidently there were two theories in regard to this case, one involving a murder and suicide, the other a most dastardly murder of the brother and sister by some persons who, although perhaps suspected, are still not sufficiently known to be connected with the case as to warrant arrest. There was not, although there seemed to be, a conflict between the Coroners and the police in this case, and the jury should judge for themselves which of the two casses of evidence they would accept. Mr. Young paid a high compliment to the deceased, Nicholas liyan and his sister, both of whom he knew as very respectable persons. He did not believe that the theory advanced against the dead young man was the correct one, and, although the murderer might still be at large, the case continued in the hands of the police, and no doubt the truth would eventually be established.

The jury then retired, and after being absent for a considerable time returned with the following verdict:—

"We think that Nicholas and Mary Ryan came to their deadles from hemorrhage from incised wounds of the neck, on the morning of December 22, 1873, at No. 204 Broome street; but how or in what manner the said wounds were inflicted we are unable from the testimony to determine."

After Coroner Eickhoff had thanked the jury and the latter had expressed their obligations to Mr. Young for his exertions in the examination the jury were discharged.

THE BROOKLYN MURDER.

Coroner's Inquest Touching the Killing of the Swedish Satior, Charles Nellson. The inquest over the body of Charles Neilson, the Swedish sailor, who was killed by his fellow countryman, Peter Swenson, at their boarding house, No. 68 Columbia street, was held yesterday after noon. The following testimony was elicited:-

No. 95 Columbia street, was held yesterday afternoon. The following testimony was chicited:—
George O. Peterson, of No. 65 Columbia street, a lighterman, was the first witness, who testified as follows:—The deceased's name was Charles Neilson; he had boarded with me since the Sth; on Tuesday night! came home about six o'clock: I and deceased and my brother had supper together; after we had supper me and Charlie Neilson went down to Charlie O'Neil's liquor store and had two drinks of whiskey; there Swenson came in the treated once, after which we all went to my house and played cards: me and Swenson were partners; we won two games: they won one game; we then went to O'Neil's liquor store again; I drank two glasses of wniskey and two glasses of beer; Neilson drank one ale; the three began taking about who was the best man in the ship; we then left the store, and went up to the place where they were living and cat something; Neilson asked Swenson if he would go as shipmate with him, saying, "then I'll find out what kind of a man you are on board of a ship;" Swenson replied that he would not go as shipmate with him; "If you want to find out what kind of a man jou are on board of a ship;" Swenson replied that he would not go as shipmate with him; "If you want to find out what kind of a man i am step down in the yard;" Neilson said ail right, and puiled off his coat, yest and shirt; Swenson then went into the bedroom; I had my pants off, ready to go to bed; Swenson said to Charle, "I needn't strip;" they face went outside the kitchen door together, and began fighting in the hailway; when I opened the door Neilson, in miling, struck the iamp I was carrying, breaking it, and it went out; my brother got matches, and we lighted it; we found the hailway full of blood; Swenson cleared out, and my prother fan atter him; I dressed, and ran down columbia street, between Amity and Atlantic; I got an officer, whom I toor to the house; we lound a kante alongside of Neilson; he was shut and I did not see a knile in the hands of a

were present; the deceased had nothing in his hands; I did not think they would fight when they went out.

Augustus Frederick Peterson was called and testified—Knew deceased; have salled with him; got acquainted with Swenson only when he came to our house last Friday; I was not quite sober when we had supper; the lamp was put out when Neilson took off his shirts; he threw it against the lamp and put it out; I was sitting by the table where the lamp stood; I followed Swenson from the house to the dock and caught hold of him, but he got away; he said. "What's the use of following mer let me go;" there were two watchmen on the dock, who told me to go away; I asked them to hold swenson nutil I could get a policeman, but they would not do it; I then got a policeman and looked for Swenson; then went back home, and from there started to go to the station house, when I met an officer having Swenson in charge; Spenson was not quarrelome; I never knew him to have a quarrel on the sing.

Jacob Lawson testified—I live at No. 7 Warren street; am a carpenter; I am not acquainted with Peter Swenson; he and I talk the same language; he is a Swede; saw him first om Sunday evening as Peterson's honse; we were talking there about salling; was there about half an hour; I was at home on Tuesday night; Swenson knocked at my door about one o'clock in the night; I was in bed; my wife called me: I opened the window

want man said, "What do you want?" a man said, "Open the door?" I answered. " said what the matter was; he to rob me the in; they are after me and want one?" I saked him who it was; he said want one? I laked him who it was; he said said not an Peterson's bouse; he and saw he was overed with bloed; I said what the matter was, and he said three man a Peterson's had robbed him; he saked is a shirt, coat and hat; my wife said I had better give them to him; I asked again what was the matter with him; he answered, "I have been fighting with two men;" he then went up to the looking glass and out of his whiskers with the scissors; he said, "I don't know whether THAT MAN IS DEAD or not that, has been dighting me; "he then went out (witness pointed out the prisoner as the man who came to his honse; i went to bed again and slept until six o'clock, when two policemen and Peterson came and called me; Swenson told me he had used a knife on the man and cut him; he said the knife belonged to himself; he said it was Charlie Neilson he had cut; he was not drunk.

Coroner—After he had vold you all this why did you let him go?

Witness—I was afraid to stop him; I didn't know whether he had anything in his pocket or not; I did not call "police" or make any effort to arrest him; I was never arrested; never in prison in my life; the policeman took charge of what he left at my house.

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The jury found a verdict in accordance with the facts, and the prisoner was held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

THE "MASKED ROBBERS."

Daring Attempt of "Dan" Kelly Break Out of the White Plains Jail-How He Expected to Gain His Liberty-Timely Discovery of the Notorious Burglar's Operations.

The repeated admonitions given by the press to Sheriff Carpenter, of Westchester county, in regard to the safe keeping of the notorious "masked burghars" now in jail at White Plains awaiting trial have by no means been ill-timed. Indeed, it is not improbable that the strong desire evinced by a portion of the community to execute summary vengeance on the midnight robbers when they were first taken to New Rochelle proceeded from a knowledge of the

midnight robbers when they were first taken to New Rochelle proceeded from a knowledge of the insecurity of the jail, when its massive wails and boits proved no obstacle to the escape of other desperadoes in times past.

During Wednesday night "Dan" Kelly, who is known to be the leading spirit and "head centre" of the gang or masked robbers, whose nocturnal depredations at New Rochelle, Catakill, on Long Island and eisewhere are aiready well known to the public, made a quiet though determined effert to cut his way out of the jail. Since the incarceration of Kelly and his companions in the jail he has occupied a cell on the second tier, and in the extreme southerly end of the jail. This cell is considered one of the most secure in the structure, and, for this reason, has usually been occupied by Murdherens a wanting trail.

In it Buckhout spent nearly the entire two years of his confinement before being ultimately executed. It is different from most of the other ceils in having two strong latticed doors, and is proportionately strong in other respects. Yesterday morning when the usual time for allowing the prisoners the liberty of the jail arrived, and while the task of ceaning up and making beds was in process, Kelly might have been seen chatting unconcernedly with some of his companions in crime. Deputy Sherin Ford, meanwhile, as is his custom, went through the corridors, glancing into each cell to see that all was right. That just temporarily vacated by Kelly may she has the entered, and he there saw that the industrions occupant had not been idle during the night.

A LARGE HOLE had been made by Kelly in the front wall of his cell, the object evidently having been to reach the thool with his cell, the object evidently having been to reach the bott winch lastened the insed door, which he intended to shove back and thus reach the outer door. The debris, composed of broken stone and mortar, had been carefully concealed in the water closet of the cell, it must have required even more work for the burgisr to have

it is not doubted that the desperado would have succeeded in escaping.

On the discovery of Kelly's attempt to break jail being made he was quietly removed to another ceil, where additional precautions will be observed as to his fature operations. Although an attempt was made yesterday by the sheriff and his assistants to keep the whole affair secret the matter leaked out, apparently to their surprise and mortification.

HORSE NOTES.

The following entries were made on the 1st inst. to the stakes of the Kentucky Association, to be run for at the spring meeting of 1874. Phoenix Hotel Stakes, for three-year-olds, one mile and an eighth, to be run first day:--H. N. Horene's b. c. Kingsley, by Concord, dam Katie, by Glencoe; S. J. Salyer's ch. f. Planetia, by Planet, dam Lou Hen. derson, by Lexington; John Harper's b. c. Excel, by Enderser, dam Nantura, by Brawner's Eclipse; Gill & Logan's ch. f. by Lexington, dam Anna C., by Giencoe; W. B. Withers & Co.'s ch. c. Monte Cristo, by Bay Dick, dam by Oliver; F. T. McCallie's cn. c. Big Fellow, by War Dance, dam Fly, by Mahomet; Warren Vhey's b. f. Letola, by Lexington, dam Capitola, by Vandal; James McIntyre's ton, dam Capitola, by Vandal; James McIntyre's b. c. Warrior, by War Dance, dam by Yorksnire; H. P. McGrata's b. c. Aaron Pennington, by Tipperary, dam Lacy Fowler, by Albion; D. Mcintyre's c. by Gilroy, dam by Wagner; J. A. Grinstead's ch. f. by Gilroy, dam Wild Duck, by Imported Eclipse; J. A. Grinstead's br. f. by Gilroy, dam Breina, by Imported The Knight of St. George; W. T. & H. C. Wall's b. g. Judge Pryor, by Lightning, dam by Australian; T. J. Megibben's b. f. by Lexington, dam Edith, by Sovereign; Roblisson, Morgan & Co. Spr. c. Astral, by Asteroid, dam Laura White, by Gilencoe; Dixon & Winmer's b. c. La Grange, by Versanies, dam Lada, by Lexington. The Chizens' Stake, for three-year-oids, two miles and an eightn, to be run for on the fifth day, has S. J. Salyer's br. c. Pat Dolan, by Planet, dam Young Elisler, by Yorkshire; John Harper's b. c. Exocel, by Emdorser, dam Nantura, by Brawner's Eclipse; W. S. Withers & Co.'s ch. c. Monte Cristo, by Bay Dick, dam by Oliver; F. T. McCanne's ch. c. Big Fellow, by War Dance, dam Ply, by Mahomet; Warren Viley's b. f. Letola, by Lexington, dam Capitola, by Vandal; James McIntyre's b. c. Warrior, by War Dance, dam by Korkshire; H. P. McGrath's b. c. Aaron Pennington, by Tipperary, dam Lacy Fowler, by Albion; W. T. & H. C. Wall's b. g. Judge Pryor, by Lightning, dam by Lexington, dam Edith, by Sovereign; and Dixon & Winmer's b. c. La Grange, by Versaliles, dam Lida, by Lexington, dam Edith, by Sovereign; and Dixon & Winmer's b. c. La Grange, by Versaliles, dam Lida, by Lexington, dam Edith, by Sovereign; and Dixon & Winmer's b. c. La Grange, by Versaliles, dam Lida, by Lexington, dam Edith, by Sovereign; and Dixon & Winmer's b. c. La Grange, by Versaliles, dam Lida, by Lexington, dam Edith, by Sovereign; and Dixon & Winmer's b. c. La Grange, by Versaliles, dam Lida, by Lexington, dam Edith, by Sovereign; and Dixon & Winmer's b. c. La Grange, by Versaliles, dam Lida, by Lexington, dam Edith, by Sovereign; and Dixon & Winmer's b. c. La Grange, by Versaliles, dam Lid

The Tuapeka Times of October 2 contains the following unique description of the racing which took place at Alexandria, Otago, at the end of Sep-

come place at Alexadaria, Otago, at the end of September:—
Our spring meeting came of very successfully, the weather being spiendid and the copious rain of the last few weeks preventing the dust from marring the enjoyment of our holiday. There was a very fair attendance, and the different events were well contested. For the lustrict Handicap, Wild Manx Boy was made the favorite, and he justified the confidence of his backers by taking the lead and keeping it to the faish, the next event was the Hack Selling Race, and might be termed the comic part of the programme, being chiedy remarkable for the briliant riding of Prince's jockey, who managed to fall cleverly off his horse in each of the three hears. The first heat was won by Blackbird, Prince running second and depositing his rider in the middle of the course. In the second heat Prince came in first and threw his rider at the judge, who cleverly avoided punishment by ducking his head. Blackbird and Prince then started to run off the deciding heat, and bets of half a cover to a shilling were freely referred they Brace. judge, who cleverly avoided punishment by ducking his head. Blackbird and Prince then started to run off the deciding heat, and bets of half a crown to a shilling were freely offered that Prince would throw his rider the third time. Prince boiled off the course, and, as he had no chance of winning, returned leisurely to the stand, when one of the layers of odds openly offered the jockey a bribe of a shilling it he would fall off. To his honor be it spoken, he was just about to reject the offer with the scorn and indignation that it merited, when Prince—who appeared to be utterly demoralized by his connection with the turf—suddenly made a shallow pretence to jump over the winning post, and then swerving round performed a portion of the first set of quadriles, and apparently thinking his partner stood in need of a stimulant he deposited jum carefully on his back near the retreatment booth, to the intense delight of those who had laid odds on the third fail. The Spring handlesp was considered a gift to Brunette by a neck for second hono. Manx Boy started again for the Ladles' Purse, and won without much difficulty. The Consolation Handlesp was won by Kathleen, who also won the Hospital Race, for which £47s. Rad been collected as the course. THE SLEIGHING CARNIVAL

The jingle of the merry sieigh balls made music in the air yesterday from eachy dawn to dewy eve, and New York seemed to betake itself to runners, wheels being discarded for the time-being. The shrill-voiced talkman, who in some nstances entrusted his cams to a sieigh of the most primitive description, with a cowbellor two by way of ornament, was the avant-courier of the grand carnival that, engaged the attention of grand carnival that, engaged the attention of equine celebrities on all sides. With a clear, bracing air, that brought tears to the eyes and blushes to the cheeks, a line sail of snow that carpete horsemen, and a bright sun to render the scene still more sparkling, it was to be expected that the white surface of the Park and the adjoining boule-vards would be detted with equipages of all de-scriptions. The variety in the patterns of sleight vards would be dotted with equipages of all descriptions. The variety in the patterns of sleighs was as remarkable as their number, and some of the most celebrated of the New York "dyers" were given an opportunity of showing their speed. The snow dew beneath their hoofs, and the merry tinkle of the bells seemed to inspire them to their best efforts. The ladies did not neglect to improve the occasion, and their bright eyes sparkled in many a cosov cutter or family "Portland," where they peeped out of a mass of wraps, furs and buffulo robes. The mildness of the winter and the tantalizing little sprinkle of snow at Christmas caused the hearts of the lovers of sleighing to fall to zero; but yesterday made up for all.

Through the beautiful Park, more beautiful in its spotless raiment of white than even in midsummer garb, out on the St. Kicholas boulevard and along Eighth avenue to Macomb's Dam, while bells, voices and an occasional tin trumpet in the hands of the Inevitable small boy made strange harmonies, and every one seemed to be imbued with the spirit of the occasion—inexhaustible good humor.

The City of churches got up a special carnival for herself, for Prospect Park and its surroundings became special points of interest. Far out on the Coney Island road were cutters and sleighs of every size, and the choicest specimens of horselesh had an airing for the day. Parsons, brokers, politicians, merchants, litteraleurs, the world and his wice, joined the roystering followers of Prince Carnival on runners, and fung thoughts of business for the moment to the winds. One remarkable feature of the day was the impatience with which the dinner hour was awaited. A good appetite is the inevitable result of a day's sleighing.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

AWhalf-past three yesterday afternoon the Board of Aldermen met, President Vance in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Alderman Monteimes moved to consider the nomination of Mr. Thomas Farrell for City Marshal in place of Mr. Toplanyi, discharged. The nomination, on motion, was laid on the table. An epinion from the Mayor regarding the work on An opinion from the Mayor regarding the work on Riverside Park was read, in which he said he could not sanction the prosecution of the work, as there existed in his mind some doubt as to who was authorized under the charter to have the work done, the Board of Public Works or the Common Council. In view of this doubt he recommended a cessation of in the reity legislation until the State Legislature could be called upon to decide the matter. After much discussion the veto of the Mayor was sustained.

Alderman McCapperry offered a resolution to disregard the law ordering the crection of a new city prison, on account of the largeness of the city debt. The resolution, together with a protest signed by 1,000 taxpayers, was ordered to be printed and copies sent to the legislators from New York city.

The Board then adjourned to meet as Supervisors.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. The Sheriff and Warden of the Tombe

After the adjournment of the Board of Aldermen the Board of Supervisors met. Supervisor OTTENDORPER offered the following

resolution, which was adopted:-Resolved. That the Committee on County Offices be and are hereby instructed to report to this Board at their earliest convenience what measures about be adopted for the maintenance of prisoners in the county jail, with a view to reduce the cost thereof, to secure a more rigid accountability on the part of the sheriff of the county, of the number of prisoners confined therein and such other recommendations as in their judgment will tend to secure greater economy in the expenditures of the county for that purpose, The report of the Committee on Drill Rooms and Arsenais, published in the HERALD of Tuesday, was adopted, with the exception of the last reso-

was adopted, with the exception of the last reso-lution, which reads:—

Resolved, That bereafter all work performed or sup-plies furnished for this county, in excess of \$100 in value, shall be by contract with the lowest bilder, and the sev-eral committees of this Board are hereby prohibited from ordering any work or supply until it has been sub-mitted for the action of this Board, and until every such action or contract shall have been confirmed by a ma-jority of its members.

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ing between the annexed territory and New York, was offered and adopted.

The following also standing committees, appointed by the Mayor for 1874:—

Annual Taxes and Finance—Supervisors Vance, Ottendorfer, Roche, Cooper and Billings.

Charities and Corrections—Supervisors Morris, Roche, Faiconer, Lysaght and Fianagan.

Civil Const.—Supervisors Billings, Cooper, Palconer, Monheimer and Flanagan.

Printing and Stationery—Supervisors Ottendorfer, Cooper, Morris, Fianagan and Falconer.

County Offices—Supervisors Van Schaick, Billings, Morris, Monheimer and McCafferty.

Criminal Courts and Folice—Supervisors Hackett, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Falconer and Lysaght.

Salaries—Supervisors Cooper, Vance, Kehr, Glion and Fianagan.

Armorics and Drill Rooms—Supervisors McCafferty, Cooper, Ottendorfer, Billings and Lysaght.

Fuel—Supervisors Falconer, Monheimer, Glion, Lysaght and Reily.

Bridges—Supervisors Monheimer, Cooper, Kehr, Lysaght and Fianagan.

The Board then adjourned.

THE BOARD OF APPORTICNMENT.

The Board of Apportionment met yesterday afternoon, the Commissioner of Taxes being absent.

The following resolutions were offered by the

The following resolutions were effered by the Comptroller:—

To authorize the Comptroller to issue \$100,000 in New York city bonds to pay any claims or judgments that may be procured against the city. Carried.

To authorize the issuance of \$300,000 in Assessment bonds to take up bonds falling due on January 20, 1874.

One hundred and Afty thousand dollars for the City Park improvement Fund slock. Carried. For expense or the spinch of \$3176.08 for the payment of sark keeper for December, 1873. Carried. For expense or the sinking Fund, \$2,338 ef. Laid over under the rule.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the Fire Department to receive bids for three chamical fire engines, and directing them to open the contract to public competition and to award it to the lowest bidder. This resolution, the Comptroller said, was rendered necessary by the fact that the several chemical fire engines were patented, and that the Fire Commissioners shall decide which is the most suitable, and award the contract to the lowest bidder.

Mr. CHARLES TARE in behalf of the Chemical

most suitable, and award, the contract to the low-est bidder.

Mr. CHARLES TATE, in behalf of the Chemical Fire Engine Companies, said that the specifications agreed upon by the Fire Department debarred all but one company from bidding.

The COMPTROLLER replied that the resolution of the Board would obviate that difficulty.

The meeting then adjourned.

CITY AND COUNTY TREASURY. Comptroller Green reports the following dis

bursements and receipts of the Treasury yester-Claims paid—Number of warrants 85, amounting to.
Payrols paid—Number of warrants 10, amounting to.

904

Total.... THE FIRE AT ALTON.

Sr. Louis, Jan. 15, 1874. The loss by the fire at Alton, Ill., yesterday was about \$80,000. The following are the names of the insurance companies sustaining the loss :- Frank lin, \$11,250; American Central, \$7,600; North British, \$7,000; Ætna, \$6,000; London and Liverpool and Globe, \$6,000; Orient, \$3,500; Hartford, \$2,000; Girard, \$1,500; North American, \$1,000; Franklin, of St. Louis, \$2,350; Commercial, of St. Louis, \$2,350; Home, \$4,000; Phoenix, \$2,000.

WIFE MURDER IN MAINE.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15, 1874. Thomas A. Pike murdered his wife at a drinking den on Pranklin street last night. He was ar rested, with several witnesses. They had been FIRES IN BROOKLYN.

The County Jail in Jeopardy-Terror of the Prisoners-Burning the Empire Stores-Los on Buildings, \$25,000; on Stock. \$75.000-Other Fires.

There were several fires in Brooklyn yesterday, and the firemen were kept busy in playing water upon burning buildings and displaying their ca-pacity to cope with the destroying element wher-

Fire in the Raymond Street Jail.

The first slarm was sounded shortly after eleven o'clock in the forencon, and the scene of action proved to be the County Jail, in Raymond street. District Engineer Farley happened to be in the neighborhood at the time and hastened into the building, and, in company with Keeper Stinson, forced his way through the dense smoke to the male wing, where the dre raged. Here the to the male wing, where the dre raged. Here the greatest consternation and excitement existed among the prisoners, occupants of the cells, who cried and screamed for help, and begged to be released from their places of confinement, fearing that an awful death was imminent. "Oh, keepers, let us out! for the Lord's sake bring the keys let us out! for the Lord's sake bring the keys—
let us out!" cried the terrified occupants of the
ceils. In the female department of the jail
terror reigned, for a few minutes,
supreme. Mrs. Knowles, it appears, had
a few minutes previous been admitted within the
gate to the female corridor to see Mrs. Merrigan,
the alleged murderess of Margaret Hammill. On
the examination of Mrs. Merrigan she testified
against the latter, and supsequently learned that against the latter, and subsequently learned that the prisoner had expressed her anger towards her. Before entering the corridor she told the keeper that she was afraid of Mrs. Merrigan. This remark excited feelings of anxiety in the minds of the keepers when they heard Mrs. Merrigan's voice crying aloud, "Put her out! Put her out!" The des appeared to be confirmed when they saw the alleged murdereas embracing Mrs. Knowles and kissing her. The impression was that she was assaulting her. Investigation, however, proved that they were most judicrously mistaken, as the unfortunate prisoner was solely solicitous for the safety of her visitor. that they were most ludicrously mistaken, as the unfortunate prisoner was solely solicitous for the safety of her visitor, to whom she cump in affection, while she called upon the keepers to "Put her out," that she might be free from the impending danger. It was found that the two small rooms, one above the other, inside the gate and adjoining the stone walls of the prison were in fames. Ascertaining that the prisoners on the lower corridor were in no danger, the keepers proceeded to the upper one. Firemen in the meantime had entered the building and a hose from No. 10 engine was stretched through the hallway. Keeper Stinson, Engineer Parley, and "stoker" McDougal, of truck No. 3, made their way across the burning rooms and liberated the imperiled occupants of the adjoining cells. One of the prisoners was found lying prostrate in the corridor, having been overcome by the smoke. He was conveyed to the outer building, where he soon recovered. Ladders were placed about the building and hole was broken in the roof directly over the fire, and the flames were soon under subjection. The Sheriff, Mr. Aras G. Williams, is of the opinion that the fire proceeded from a defective flue. Superheated steam is said to have set fire to the woodwork in the rooms where the fire originated. Henry Schmidt, a prisoner, who occupied the room and is allowed the freedom of the hallway, was locked up in a cell by order of the Fire Marshal, to await examination touching the cause of the fire, as he is suspected of having set fire to the place.

EHERIFY WILLIAMS' REPORT OF THE FIRE.

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors held yeaterday alternoon, the following communication was submitted and referred to the Jail Committee, with power:—

HIGH POWEY:—
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Empire Stores unce More to Flames The next objective point of the Pire Department vas designated by the City Hall bell, which sounded an alarm about :wenty minutes past two P. M. and the apparatus rattled over the pavements and through the minature snow banks towards the Empire Stores, stuated between the Pulton and section of warehouses were destroyed by the winter of 1868, and the locality was therefore familiar to the fremen, who well remembered occasion in question. The fire yesterday was discovered in the brok sheds in the rear of store "B"—a one story brik building on Front street, in which was stored a quantity of jute, and is supposed to have been occasioned by spontaneous combustion. The smeke was exceedingly dense, combustion. The smeke was exceedingly dense, and much difficulty was experienced in getting a stream of water to bear directly on the insidious fire. The incendiary element, however, found its way to the warehouse in the rear. No. 6, of the Empire Stores, wheel by Nesbit & Son, of Sonth street, New York. This store, which fronts on the dock, is one of a row of eight three-story buildings, which adoin a row of new and more pretentious warehouses built upon the site which was burned over five or six years ago. In the storehouse lacing the river was stored jute, hides, logwood, mahogany and other valuable merchandise. A strong northwest wind irom of the river lent force to the consagnation in progress, and Fire Commissioner Fred. Massey, learing the demolition of all the buildings in the course of the wind, caused a second alarm to be rung. This brought out all the remaining fire engines and the entire reserve of the western district police. Superntendent John S. Folk directed the movements of the policemen. The firemen worked with extraordinary energy and disregard of comfort. With heavy axes and crowbars they pried open the iron shutters in order to get their hose pipes in to play a stream upon the blazing piles of merchandise on the second and third stories. They clambered up their ladders and held the nozzle, from which were ejected the many deluging streams, regardless of the cold, rapidly congealing water which fell upon them in tacir noble work, and the blinding, suffocating smoke that environed them. Nos. 7 and 8 of the Empire Stores caught are, and about hall-past four o'clock fames shot from out the stated roof, with a vengeance which threatened to gut the buildings through to the main street. A large force of laborers was set to work at this juncture to save the goods stored in the buildings adjoining the burning ones, and a space was ceared on the dock whereon to pile the bales of stuff as they were taken out on wheelbarrows. There were many parrow escapes from fractured with extended to gut the buildi and much difficulty was experienced in getting s

Slight Fire.

At 4:53 o'clock a fire broke out in the basement of the dwelling of H. A. Brown, No. 654 Fulton street. The damage was only trifling, the police lending prompt aid and extinguishing the flames.

Fire on Verona Street. About five o'clock in the evening a fire broke out in a shed adjoining Leoby & Clark's oil works, corner of Verona and Richard streets, Red Hook Point, occasioned by a stovepipe setting fire to the roof. The loss is not more than \$300. The police on duty in the vicinity extinguished the flames.

Fire on Fulton Avenue. At a quarter past five o'clock a fire occurred in the dry goods store of Messrs. May & Parker, No. 1,381 Fulton avenue. The damage amounted to about \$200. Insured in the Phoenix for \$2,000.

FIRES YESTERDAY.

A fire was discovered yesterday in the main hall-A fire was discovered yesterday in the main half-way of the five story tenement house No. 693 Third avenue. But slight damage was done, owing to the timely arrival of the engines. The frame building, No. 268 West Fortieth street, was damaged to the extent of \$000 yesterday by fire. A fire broke out yesterday morning in the five story tenement house No. 27 Washington street, Damage slight. A fire was discovered in the basement of No. 7 Dover street yesterday that caused a damage of

THE AND PROM (ND) TRAGEDY John E. Corwin, who shot Mr. Thomas J. Stillwell, in Anderson, Ind., yesterday, is a native of Orange county, N. Y., where his character is excel-lent and his relationship first class. We owns a summer residence at this place.

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

BRIARD—WADSWORTH—At Bos m, on Theaday January 13, 1874, at the Church of the New Jerusa lem, Marshall H. Bhaard. of the New Jerusa W. Wadsworth, of Bos of. New York to Abbis W. Wadsworth, of Bos of. On New York to Abbis Graham—Van V Chils.—In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, January 15, by the Rev. Churches Hall, D. D. at the fee office of the bride's mother, Whilam Graham to Emma H., daughter of the late Daniel Voorbia, Esq.

Mills.—Marson.—On Wednesday, January 14, at twelve M., at St. Mark's church, Philadelphia, by the Rev. A. Hoffman, First Lleutenant Sarries. M. Mills, Firth United States artillery, to Miss Annie Marson, of Philadelphia.

Newell.—Sneden.—On Thursday, January 15, by the Rev. Edward P. Payson, Zenas E. Newell, to Miss Anna C. Sneden, daughter of Samuel Sneden, Esq., of this city.

BACON.—On Wednesday, January 14, DRESERR BACON, aged 80 years.

His friends and those of his sons, Benjamin D. and Charles E. Bacon, are requested to attend the funeral, from St. Ambrose's Episcopai church, corner of Frince and Thompson streets, on Friday, January 16, at one o'clock P. M.

BARTLING.—In Topeka, Kan., on Wednesday, January 14, at the residence of her brother, Major Henry Barting, Miss M. Cornella, eldest danghter of the late Captain charles Barting.

BAYER.—At Fishkill village, on Wednesday, January 14, Mrs. Mary Bayers, aged 71 years.

Funeral at eleven A. M. on Friday, January 18, Lovy S. A., wife of F. Humphrey Beebee, and daughter of Rev. Thomas D. Anderson, of this city.

Funeral from her late residence, No. 207 East 127th street, Harlem, this (Friday) afternoon, at two o'clock. Died.

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Bogart.—At East New York, L. I., on Thursday
January 15, Timothy N. Bogart, in the 51st year o BOGART.—At East New York, L. L., on Thursday, January 15, Timothy N. Bogart, in the 51st year of his age,

The relatives and friends are invited to attend the nuneral, on Saturday, 17th inst., at twelve o'clock M., from his late residence, East New York, and at two o'clock P. M. at the Presbytertain church in Jamaica. L. L., where the services will take place.

Bowe.—On Wednesday, January 14, 1874, Michark Bowe, Sr., formerly of Tobinstown, parish of Eathvilly, Carlow county, Ireland.

Relatives and irlends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 292 Newark avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

Camberll.—On Wednesday, January 14, Mrs.

ANNE Campell., aged 64 years.

The funeral will take place on Friday, 18th, at twelve o'clock, from the residence of her sinter, Mrs. Dunn, No. 18 Market street. The irlends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

Capes.—On Thursday, January 15, Charles C., infant son of Charles and Augusta Capes.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, 381 West Thirteenth street, on Sunday, January 18, Mary Elizabeth Collins, the only daughter of Philip and Isabelia Collins, aged 12 years and 25 days.

Our darling daughter has gone to rea;

Sleeping sweetly with the blest.

Annip and Isabelia Collins, aged 12 years and 23 days.

Our darling daughter has gone to rest. Sleeping sweetly with the blest.

But when life closes I shall share. Rest forever with her there.

The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon, at two o'clock from the residence of her parents, 55 Pike street. The relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

COLLINS.—On Wednesday, January 14, 1874, John Collins, a native of parish of Desert, county Cork, Ireland, in the 60th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, on Friday, January 18, from his late residence, 243 Cherry street, at two o'clock.

Darling.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, January 13, Samuel Darling, aged 92 years.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the inneral, on Friday, 16th inst., at halfpast two o'clock, from his late residence, No. 71 Clermont avenue. Brooklyn.

Fettrefoh.—On Wednesday night, January 14, 1874, Lizzih, daughter of John and Catherine Fettretch, aged 7 years, I month and 6 days.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 101 East Fifty-ninth street, on Saturday, January 17, at twelve o'clock noon.

Finnerty.—Suddenly, on Tuesday, January 13, Daniel, brother of John J. Finnerty, of 132 Bowery.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 397 Sixth avenue, this day (Friday,) January 16, at one o'clock P. M. DARLING .- In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, January 13.

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PREMAN.—On Wednesday, January 14, Mart Emeline Freeman, aged 58 years.
Rolatives und friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, corner Clarke street and Carteret avenue. Bergen, Jersey City Heights, on Saturday, the 17th, at twelve o'clock M. Trains leave for Rahway at P. M.
GREGORY.—On Wednesday morning, January 14, 1874. FLORENCE ADELAIDE, infant daughter of George G. and Eliza T. Gregory, aged 1 year, 9 months and 19 days.
The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 188 East Porty-minth street, this (Friday) morning, atten o'clock.
Fredericton (N. B.) papers please copy.
Haring.—On Wednesday night, January 14, David W. Haring, after a short liness, at the residence of his stepfather, Kimble Dunham, 118 Bank street, aged 37 years, 3 months and 11 days.
Friends of the deceased, the family, Atalanta Boat Club, Eureka Lodge, No. 243, F. and A. M., are

Boat Club, Eureka Lodge, No. 243, F. and A. M., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the Union Reformed church. Sixth avenue, opposite Amity street, on Saturday, at ten o'clock A. M. The remains will be interred in New York Cemetery, near Hackensack.

ATALANTA BOAT CLUT.—Members are hereby requested to meet at the club room on, Saturday, January 17, at nine o'clock A. M., for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our late member, David W. Haring. By order,

RAMSON PARKER, Jr., President.

EUREKA LODGE, F. AND A. M., No. 243.—Brethren are hereby summoned to attend an emergent communication at the lodge room, on Saturday, January 17, at nine o'clock A. M., for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our worthy prother, David W. Haring. By order,

JAMES HOSTIN, W. M.

JOSEPH A. COOK, Secretary.

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HUNTER.—At Bayonne, N. J., on Thursday, January 13, George A. Hunter, in the 46th year of his

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Notice of funeral hereafter.
HYNRS.—Suddenly, at Yonkers, on Thursday, January 15, 1874, Thomas Hynks, sged 56 years.
Relatives and iriends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, Laurel street, on Satarday afternoon, January 17, at two o'clock.

JACKSON.—At Newtown, L. L., on Thursday morning, January 15, of pneumonia, Anna Wherelers JACKSON, wife of Daniel Jackson, in the 83d year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family and alsoher son-in-law, Hichard H. Teller, are respectfully invited to attend the numeral, from the East avenue Baptist church, Hunter's Point, L. L., on Sunday, January 18, at one o'clock P. M. Carriages will be in waiting at the Hunter's Point (Thirty-Jourth, Street) ferry, Long Island side.

Bridgeport papers will please copy.

MOLONEY.—On Wednesday, January 14, JOSEPH BRENNAN, voungest son of William H. and Mary Agnes Moloney.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, No. 42 North Moore screet, on Friday, January 16, at one o'clock P. M.

MONROE.—In Erocklyn, on Thesday, January 15, Mrs. Elizabeth Monroe, mother of the late William D. Manram, in the 83d year of her age.

Her relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mitton Knapp, 377 Carkon avenue, on Friday, 16th inst., for mer late residence of her read-insw, Mitton Knapp, 377 Carkon avenue, on Friday, 16th inst., for mer late residence, corner of Seventh avenue and Twenty-second street, Brook-lyn.

McCherne,—In the city of Brooklyn, on Monday, January 12, 1874 of bronchitis, Mary McCherne,

Seventh avenue and Twenty-second street, Brooklyn.

MCCHEARS,—In the city of Brooklyn, on Monday,
January 12, 1874, of bronchitis, Mary McChears,
wile of Samuel McCheane, of Killenarde, Ireland,
McQuillan,—On Wednesday, January 14, of
Grifonic pneumonia, William Joseph, son of Alexander McQuillan, late of Belfast, Ireland, aged 19
years.

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Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul, in St. Jerome's Catholic church, North New York, on St. Jerome's Catholic church, North New York, on Friday, January 16, at nine o'clock A. M. Funerst from the residence of his parents, 2,285 Scoul avenue, Harlem, at twilve o'clock, same day.

Nimno,—at Bergen Point, N. J., on Thursday, January 15, of pneumonia, Sarah Preprienkli, Nimno, only daughter of Wilson and Sarah Jane Nimno, aged 2 years and 6 months.

Belatives and richads of the family are fivited to attend the funeral, from parents' residence, corner of avenue C and Humphrey street, Bergen Point, N. J., on Saturday, January 17, at ten o'clock. Carringes will meet train foot of Liberty street, New York, jat 11:20 A. M. Intermentin Greenwood Cemetery.

Carringes will need of Mr. Gound J. Siller, aged 87 years, will take place on Saturday, at twelve o'clock, from his late residence, Peakskill Hollow. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully requested to attend without mither notice. Carriages will be at the depot to meet the cight o'clock train from. New York.

WALKER.—On Thursday, January 15, after a short but severe lilness, at his residence, No. 455 Washington street, Charless Walkers, aged 63 years. Notice of funeral hereafter.

WILSON.—On Thursday, January 16, Mrs. ELLLABETH T. WILSON, in the 62d year of her age, wildow of Charles Wilson.

Her friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 118 West Twenty-ninth streat snaday at ternoon, at one o'clock.